

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

W.A., *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

V.

DANIELLE LEHMAN, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 2:24-cv-00849-JHC

SECOND STIPULATED MOTION TO
HOLD CASE IN ABEYANCE AND
ORDER

Noted for Consideration:
December 9, 2024

Plaintiffs and Defendants (the “parties”), pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to continue to stay these proceedings until January 16, 2025. Plaintiffs are 12 individuals who bring this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to (1) schedule interviews for Plaintiffs who have a pending Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal (“asylum application”) and have not yet been scheduled for an interview and (2) adjudicate Plaintiffs’ asylum applications. This case is currently stayed through December 17, 2024. Dkt. No. 8. USCIS has since adjudicated 11 out of the 12 Plaintiffs’ asylum applications. Only one application remains. USCIS requests

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1 additional time to adjudicate this remaining asylum application. For good cause, the parties request
 2 that this Court continue to hold the case in abeyance until January 16, 2025.

3 Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706
 4 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to
 5 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for
 6 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936).

7 With additional time, this case may resolve without the need for further judicial intervention.
 8 USCIS has adjudicated asylum applications for 11 out of the 12 Plaintiffs in this matter. USCIS
 9 conducted the remaining Plaintiff’s asylum interview on September 24, 2024. That case remains
 10 under review and USCIS requires additional time to adjudicate the asylum application.

11 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold the
 12 case in abeyance until January 16, 2025. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before
 13 January 16, 2025. The parties further request that the August 15, 2024, Order for the parties to
 14 submit a joint status report by December 17, 2024, be vacated. Dkt. No. 8.

15 Dated: December 9, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER

The Court GRANTS the motion. The case is held in abeyance until January 16, 2025.

The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before January 16, 2025. The Order for the parties to submit a joint status report by December 17, 2024, is vacated. Dkt. No. 8. It is so

ORDERED.

DATED this 9th day of December, 2024.

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United States District Judge